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**Remarks/Arguments**

Applicant has changed the chemical compound symbol in claims 36 and 37 from HF to HNO<sub>3</sub>. Further, applicant has removed the period that follows the chemical compound symbol, CH<sub>3</sub>COOH, in Claims 41, 42, and 43. These changes render the claims conformant with the discussion in the specification text. No new matter has been added.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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